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1.

There are two pipelines from the tank farm on Bolshoy Peshnoy Ostrov to the refinery Zavod 441 in Guryev. They are each about 50 km in length and have a diameter of not less than 50 cm.

comment: This differs from previous information, as follows: the distance from Bolshoy Peshnoy Ostrov is given as 25-30 km, while reports on the diameter of the lines vary from 20 cm (eight inches) to 35 cm.

2.

There was no evidence (in 1951) of pipeline construction at any point between Baku and Guryev.

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comment: This differs from previous information as follows: unconfirmed wartime reports (1942) indicated a pipeline under construction from Baku to Makhachkala, and pipelines planned between Makhachkala-Astrakhan' and Astrakhan'-Guryev.⁷

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3.

The so-called Ob'-Irtysk and Kama-Pechora projects are simply fantastic stories.

4.

Standard oil-barge capacity is 5,000 tons. Maximum capacity is 7,000 tons (new barges) and 10-12,000 tons (old barges). The Volgatanker fleet consists chiefly of barges and tugs, with a few river tankers of German origin.

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6.

There is a section in the All-Union Ministry of River Fleets that makes regular surveys. It is called the Section (Otdel) for the Mastering of Small Draft Rivers, and is represented in all river basins. All Union Republics are under the direct authority of the Ministry of River Fleets, with the exception of the RSFSR. This republic comes under the authority of GLAVRECHTRANS (Glavnoye Upravleniye po Transportnomu Osvoyeniyu Malykh Rek), an organization which is semi-independent of the All-Union Ministry of River Fleets.

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